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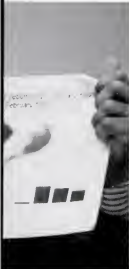
At House Hearings Black Caucus Cites Urgency For End To Dixie Church Fires

At a tense House Judiciary Committee hearing, Capitol Hill's ranking Black lawmaker angrily warned, "Mr. Chairman, we cannot permit these firebombings to continue."

Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Donald H. Payne of New Jersey minced no words in deploring the federal government's failure to curb firebombings of Black churches, particularly in the southeastern part of the country.

In five years, more than 45 houses of worship have been torched and burned to the ground with little prosecution.

"Most of us thought that the most brutal of these historic abuses were over," continued the Congressman. "And that the nation had shifted to



◀ *Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Donald H. Payne uses a chart to emphasize his point during hearings on Black church fires.*

more subtle means of racial intimidation and oppression."

It had taken weeks for Detroit Rep. John Conyers, a member of the committee's Democratic minority, to arrange such a

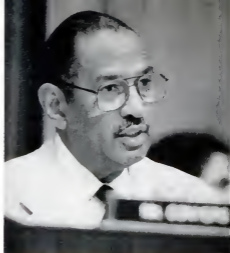
hearing and only with the cooperation of GOP Chairman Rep. Henry Hyde.

Conyers said that the committee "needed to stop wasting its time holding hearings on such topics as school busing and ways to end affirmative action, further demonstrating hostility to ending discrimination."

Scores of ministers, church workers and civil rights officials who traveled to Washington to demand action got a firsthand glimpse of the political realities.

Refusing to discuss the delay and apathy surrounding the civil rights issue, Chairman Hyde quipped, "Just because you're not emotionally demonstrative doesn't mean you're not taking this deadly serious."

Justice Department aides testi-



▶ *Rep. John Conyers of Detroit arranged the Judiciary Committee hearing about the tragic occurrences.*

fied that there was no sign of a widespread conspiracy to burn Black churches in the South. Assistant Attorney Gen. Deval Patrick, who heads the department's civil rights division, described the fires as "an epidemic of terror" and called on Congress to examine two federal statutes that make prosecuting a single arsonist difficult.

Dr. Joseph Lowery, SCLC head and chair of the 18-member National Black Leadership Forum, challenged, "We have been shocked



▶ *Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick asked Congress to evaluate laws regarding arsonists during the hearing.*



as a nation at the rise of hate groups and right-wing terrorists that have bombed federal buildings and militia groups that pose serious threats to democracy. We have down-sized the racist nature of these groups.”

◀ *Dr. Joseph Lowery, the SCLC head and chair of the National Black leadership forum, said hate groups and terrorists threaten democracy.*

▼ **NEW SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT:** President Bill Clinton shakes hands with his new special assistant Ben Johnson. Johnson joined the White House in 1993 as an Associate Director of the Office of Public Liaison. He will continue as the White House liaison for the Black community and regularly consult with key Black leaders on White House policy and organize briefings, meetings and conference calls on White House legislative and policy initiatives. He will also help develop and facilitate administration policy initiatives while building support for the President among Black voters.



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Art Dealer Thurlow Tibbs Donates Major Collection Of African-American Art To Corcoran Gallery In D.C.



▲ *Art dealer Thurlow Tibbs, Jr. noted his gift is designed to help the Corcoran leap "generations ahead" of any other institution.*

The Corcoran Gallery of Art recently held a ceremony to accept a donation—estimated to be worth between \$1-\$2 million—from Thurlow Evans Tibbs, Jr. of the nationally recognized Evans-Tibbs Collection and its archives of African-American art.

The collection, which will be housed at the Washington, D.C., gallery, is the largest and most important group of historic American art and reference materials to be donated to the Corcoran in nearly 50 years.

"The addition of this most important collection will give new depth to the Corcoran's American Art holdings and immeasurably strengthen our commitment to the full and diverse breadth of American Art," said the Corcoran's President and Director Dr. David C. Levy.

"I believe that Thurlow Tibbs, whose generosity makes this gift possible, has understood and enhanced the Corcoran's mission as a museum whose focus is strongly on this city and region, as well as the national and international art worlds," he added.

In describing the donation, Tibbs, an art dealer and collector, noted, "This community and this museum are close to my heart. The Corcoran has the opportunity to leap gener-

ations ahead of any other institution in the country, and I want to see that happen in my city. I think that generations to come will say how this is forward thinking."

The art collection includes paintings by such famous artists as Henry O. Tanner, Hughie Lee-Smith, Lois Mailou Jones, Raymond Saunders, Hale A. Woodruff and Sylvia Snowden.

The collection also includes photographs by James Van Der Zee and Addison Scurlock.

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TICKER TAPE

by Simeon Booker, Washington Bureau Chief

CONFIDENTIAL: This fall's drive for Black voters during the presidential campaign, for the first time in history, may be dominated by women. Though Black men are in the best positions for oratory and exposure, Black women quietly have taken the power slots. Since the death of Commerce Secretary **Ron Brown**, the Democrats' No. 1 organizer, the lead Washington role is held by **Alexis Herman**, the energetic White House assistant. For some strange reason, the news media fails to give her any credit. Soon to begin is a massive effort to register women voters to be conducted by **Dorothy Height**, **C. Delores Tucker**, **Myrlie Evers-Williams** and **Coretta King**...In a front page editorial, Little Rock's Arkansas State Press

headlines the "legacy of greatness" of **L. C. and Daisy Bates**, the school desegregation pioneers. The author, **Dr. Carey Lamb Winn II**, wonders why the city has no living memorials to honor the pair as the anniversary of the educational breakthrough nears...Civil rights lawyer **Oliver W. Hill**, 89, is expected to participate in the dedication of the Richmond, VA, juvenile court building and detention complex on August 16 named in his honor... Chased out of Mississippi after he refused to give up a legal fight to improve Black colleges as a Legal Aid lawyer, **Alvin Chambliss** moved on to become a professor at the Texas Southern law school. Already he has been named Professor of the Year.

National Headliners

New manager of the Rocky Flats field office in Golden, CO, is **Jessie Roberson**, who earned a degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Tennessee; Energy Secretary **Hazel O'Leary** named her to direct the closing of the former weapons producing facility...The first Black college golf team to reach the championship level is the Jackson State University aggregation coached by **Eddie Payton** with a record of 70 wins and


19 losses in the Southwestern Athletic Conference...In the congressional race in Houston, TX, is Atty. **C. J. Newman**, a Democrat, who is facing state Rep. **Kevin Brady**...Congressional Black Caucus Chair **Donald M. Payne** recently proposed a balanced budget amendment featuring a way to increase funding for education and training. His plan was overwhelmingly defeated in a 362-63 vote.



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▲ **BUSINESS MISSION:** During a visit to the Johnson Publishing Company headquarters building in Chicago, Jamaica's Prime Minister P.J. Patterson (2nd, l) meets with EBONY/JET Publisher, Chairman and CEO John H. Johnson, Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson, secretary-treasurer and director of EBONY Fashion Fair, and Linda Johnson Rice, president and Chief Operating Officer, Johnson Publishing Company. Below, Prime Minister Patterson discusses Jamaica's economic and social development and the country's tourism industry with Publisher Johnson, Mrs. Rice and Lerone Bennett Jr., executive editor, EBONY.



National Park Service To Take Over Management Of Rev. King's Tomb



Martin Luther King

The family of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recently agreed to turn over management of the civil rights leader's tomb to the National Park Service.

"This is an important step in the continuing development of the historic site, and particularly, of The King Center," said Dexter Scott King, president of the King Center. "It will provide the historic site greater continuity in its visitor programs while giving The King Center an opportunity to focus on strengthening our primary objective to further develop the King Library Archives."

The park service, which has conducted tours of the King property for 12 years, will take over tours of

the tomb as well as the Freedom Hall exhibit building prior to the commencement of the Olympics, when officials expect approximately 100,000 visitors a day.

Even though the park service will be conducting the tours, the King family will maintain ownership of Freedom Hall and the tomb.

The King Center, which has been downsizing its staff as it copes with financial problems, will also turn over control of a \$534,000 federal grant used to maintain the sites, said Troy Lissimore, park manager for the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site.

The park service is scheduled to open an \$11.8 million visitors center with the King theme across from the King Center later this month. It already conducts tours of King's birthplace and the surrounding neighborhood. Last year, the King family banished the park service from the King birth home during a dispute, but the conflict was later resolved.

► **GREETING TO SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE:** Illinois Speaker of the House Lee Daniels takes a brief time-out to greet Joseph Clayborne, son of Illinois State Senator James F. Clayborne, Jr. of the 57th district, on the House floor. Senator Clayborne gave his son a tour of the House of Representatives and introduced him to other legislators.



Black, Native American High School Students Denied Diplomas For Wearing Ethnic Dress At Graduation

Two Black high school students in Muskogee, OK, who wore a multi-colored African tribal cloth with their graduation gowns and an American Indian who hung an eagle feather from her mortarboard were recently denied their diplomas.

The school district said they violated a policy against wearing ethnic symbols at graduation.

The district is withholding their Muskogee High School diplomas and transcripts until they complete 25 days in summer school as punishment.

"I'm not going to be defined by the White man anymore," said Danaj Battese Trudell, an American Indian.

Trudell and the two other students, Garrica Johnson and Sydney

Watts, are seeking the American Civil Liberties Union's (ACLU) help.

"We do feel these young ladies have had their rights violated," said ACLU lawyer C.S. Thornton, who plans to meet with the students and the district.

A Muskogee Schools spokeswoman said the school board approved the dress code May 14 to restore dignity to a ceremony that had taken on "a carnival quality." Students participating in the recent graduation ceremony were required to sign a statement saying they understood the dress code.

Approximately 30 percent of the high school is Black, and 16 percent is Indian. Nearly 300 seniors participated in the graduation ceremony.

Fewer Than Half In U.S. Understand Basic Science: Survey

Less than half of American adults received high marks on a survey that asks questions about basic scientific knowledge.

Only about 5 percent of American adults got passing grades in a National Science Foundation survey geared toward finding out what people know about basic science and economics.

The survey of 2,006 randomly selected adults was carried out last October by the Chicago Academy of Sciences for the science foundation.

Only 27 percent of Americans surveyed could answer seven or more

questions of the 10-part quiz testing scientific understanding.

Less than half of those surveyed understood basic scientific facts like the Earth rotates the sun yearly.

The worst showing came when those surveyed were asked to define scientific terms. Only about 9 percent could define a molecule and only 21 percent could explain the definition of DNA.

Despite a fundamental lack of understanding, the survey found that 72 percent of American adults believed science research was worthwhile.

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EBONY Celebrates Black Music Month With Top Record Sellers Of All Time In June Issue



▲ Superstars Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, ♠ (Prince) and Janet Jackson, who are among the top record sellers of all time, grace the cover of the June issue of EBONY.

June is Black Music Month, and EBONY Magazine celebrates by listing the top 10 Black record sellers of all time.

Superstars such as siblings Michael and Janet Jackson, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey and ♠ (Prince) are among the list of top 10

record sellers.

Megastar Michael Jackson leads the list, selling 51 million CDs, cassettes and albums and 11 million singles for a combined total of 62 million. His album, *Thriller*, which is listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the best-selling album in history, has contributed to much of Jackson's retail success.

Coming in second to Michael Jackson is superstar singer-actress Whitney Houston, whose total sales equaled 51 million.

Others include the popular quartet Boyz II Men, rapper MC Hammer, song-rap trio TLC, sultry songstress Sade, and smooth balladeers Luther Vandross and Lionel Richie, who tie for 10th place, having 15.5 million in total sales.

The June issue also features a pictorial review of the life of the first Black Secretary of Commerce, the late Ron Brown, in "Ron Brown: Requiem For 'A Hero Who Went Out Into The Deep Water With The Big Boats.'"

Also talk show powerhouse Oprah Winfrey and Houston are a few of the powerful Black women who discuss the importance of Black women networking in "The Truth About Women's Networks."

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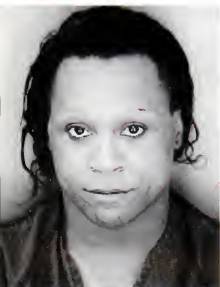
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◀ CHARGED IN DECEPTION: Calvin D.

Washington, 31, has been charged with felony theft by deception in Lincoln, NE, for allegedly posing as a woman and conning a man out of money for an abortion. He is accused of receiving at least \$3,500 from the alleged victim he met in February. If convicted he faces up to 20 years in prison. The victim, who told his story based on anonymity, said he knew Washington as female Tee Washington and thought they were friends. Washington allegedly began asking for money saying it was needed for an abortion. After giving Washington \$200, he gave him \$500 when he said he was pregnant with triplets and another \$1300 later. Washington admitted to dressing like a woman, but denied doing anything wrong.

Man Who Forced Woman To Jump To Her Death In Detroit River Sentenced To 16-40 Years

A man who flew into a rage after a fender-bender accident, beating a woman and forcing her to jump from a bridge to her death, was sentenced to 16 to 40 years in prison.

Martell Welch, Jr., 20, apologized to Deletha Word's family, but he insisted that he didn't cause her death last August.

Judge Jeffrey Collins told Welch: "You treated Ms. Word like a piece of garbage. At some point during this nightmare, I would have expected his humanitarian spirit to kick in."

Welch, who was convicted of second degree murder (JET, May 20), could have faced life in prison.



Martell Welch, Jr.

Witnesses said Welch flew into a rage after he and Word had a minor accident on Detroit's Belle Isle island park. He dragged her out of her car, ripped her clothes off and slammed her head against his car.

Ms. Word, 33, climbed over the railing of a bridge and jumped as he came after her with a car jack.

Initial police reports said spectators cheered during the attack. But police later denied that report.

The defense argued that Word used the hallucinogenic drug PCP and that her death was an accident or a suicide.

This Week In Black History

June 6, 1939 —

◀ **Marian Wright Edelman**, president of the Children's Defense Fund, lawyer, and civil rights activist, was born on this day in Bennettsville, SC. Ms. Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, was the first Black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar. She directed the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in the mid-60s, and she later founded the Washington, D.C.-based Children's Defense Fund, which advocates on the behalf of children.

June 7, 1892 —

On this day, the coachman of a Louisiana train ordered a passenger to vacate his first-class seat and move to the segregated "colored" car. Homer Plessy refused and was arrested under the Louisiana Separate Car Act of the 1890s. He maintained his innocence up to the Supreme Court. In the infamous case *Plessy vs. Ferguson*, the 1896 court's opinion gave an interpretation of the 14th Amendment. This interpretation gave a green light to the multitude of Jim Crow laws which were passed by Southern legislatures following the Reconstruction period. (Jim Crow laws segregated Whites and Blacks, thus further instituting discrimination and prejudice.) While the 14th Amendment guaranteed all Americans, including Blacks, equal rights, the court ruled that it did not prohibit segregation. As a result of this ruling, the Supreme Court, with only Justice John Marshall Harlan dissenting, gave its approval to the fateful phrase "separate but equal."

June 7, 1917 —

▶ **Gwendolyn Brooks**, poet and author, was born on this day in Topeka, KS. Ms. Brooks was the first Black American to win a Pulitzer Prize. She received the award in 1950 for *Annie Allen*, her second collection of poetry which focuses on the experiences of a Black girl coming up in America during World War II. Ms. Brooks, who has taught poetry at numerous colleges and universities, has more than 70 honorary degrees and has been the poet laureate of Illinois since 1968.





EDUCATION

▲ **HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE:** Grammy Award-winning singer Patti LaBelle accepts her Berklee College of Music honorary doctorate degree from Berklee President Lee Eliot Berk (r) during the school's commencement in Boston. Also assisting is Dr. Warrick Carter, provost and vice-president of academic affairs. LaBelle told students, "I hope that you will sing, play and do everything to the best of your ability." Berklee is the world's largest independent college of music and the premier institution for the study of contemporary music.

▼ **FIRST LADY'S GREETING:** Philanthropist Oseola McCarty, 88, of Hattiesburg, MS, is greeted by First Lady Hillary Clinton after Mrs. Clinton spoke at the biennial convention of the American Association of Retired Persons in Denver's Colorado Convention Center. Ms. McCarty was honored for donating \$150,000 earned from doing laundry in her home to the University of Southern Mississippi to set up a scholarship fund for needy students, called the Oseola McCarty Scholarship. It's the largest gift by a Black person to a Mississippi university.



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▲ Homeless student Camara Barrett exits the subway train where he spent long hours studying for SAT exams. The 18-year-old student recently received a scholarship and will attend Cornell University in the fall.

Homeless Student, 18, Who Studied On The Subway Gets Scholarship To Cornell University

For 18-year-old Camara Barrett, his ticket to ride the subway landed him a scholarship to Cornell University.

The homeless New York City youth said he decided that education would be his ticket out of poverty. So after classes at Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, he rode the No. 3 train for four days and four nights to study for the SAT exam.

He recently earned free passage as a pre-med student at Cornell University in New York.

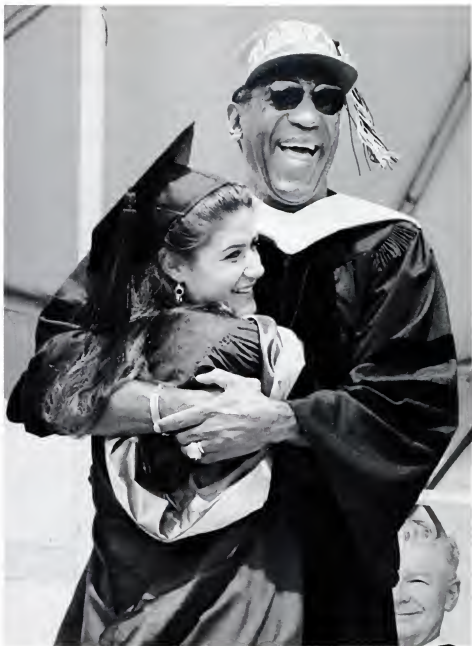
"I made up my mind to do it. I knew personally that that was my ticket," Barrett said in the New York Post.

With an SAT score of 1,140 and acceptance to eight universities, Barrett chose Cornell.

The high school valedictorian and editor of his high school newspaper received a \$4,000 scholarship from the United Federation of Teachers and two \$500 scholarships.

Barrett, who recently immigrated from Jamaica, said he had to leave home after his mother became abusive. He was in and out of shelters, but he found it easier to study on the subway.

"They say what doesn't kill you definitely makes you stronger and that definitely made me stronger," Barrett remarked.



▲ **GRADUATION GLEE:** Superstar entertainer-humanitarian-educator Bill Cosby gives a congratulatory hug to graduating senior Melissa Johnson of Dalton, MA, during the recent commencement exercises at Boston College. Cosby delivered the commencement address and received an honorary doctorate of humane letters

PEOPLE



Stephanie Mack, executive director for clinical and professional services at Harlem Hospital Center in New York City, has been promoted to president of the Community Health Alliance of North General (CHANGE), a Physician Hospital Organization (PHO) affiliated with North General Hospital in New York.

Jay Whitsett,

director of production, operations and engineering at Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc., has been promoted to vice president of broadcast operations and production services. He manages aspects of production, operations and technical functions of statewide operations and develops strategic plans for development and growth including new business ventures.



Sandra H. Robinson, trial lawyer at the Jack Olender and Associates law firm in Washington, D.C., was recently voted president-elect of the Trial Lawyers Association of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. She is the first woman and the third Black to serve in the post.

Frank Brown,

a major at the East Point Police Department in East Point, GA, has been appointed the city's first Black police chief. A 29-year veteran of the police department, Brown was selected from 94 applicants. He plans to implement programs involving domestic violence, home safety and the efficiency of the police department.



Karen Conorqui, former owner of The Cornell Group in Chicago, has been named ethnic marketing manager at Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee, WI. She is responsible for developing and implementing strategic programs to effectively serve Miller Brewing's Black market segment.

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BUSINESS

Atlanta Life Names Charles Cornelius President And CEO



Charles Cornelius

Charles Henry Cornelius has been named president and chief executive officer of Atlanta Life Insurance Co. in Atlanta, GA.

He succeeds Don M. Royster Sr. who resigned as CEO last September after serving in that position for three years.

Cornelius, who has 19 years of industry experience, was previously with the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies where he was vice president and branch manager for the Albany, NY, branch. He also has been an active member of Chubb Insurance company's Minority Development Council.

He officially joins Atlanta Life June 15.

"The Board is excited about Mr. Cornelius' selection and is confident that he will provide the leadership necessary for Atlanta Life Insurance Company to maintain its return to profitability and its responsiveness to its customers and the general public," said Gregory T. Barnaco, chairman of the Board of Directors.

Cornelius received a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science from the University of Hartford in Connecticut in 1977.

He and his wife Shelia have two sons, Charles Jr. and Michael.

New Business Award Named For Commerce Secretary Ron Brown



Ron Brown

President Clinton recently announced that a new award in recognition of good corporate citizens was being established in memory of the late Secretary of Commerce Ron

Brown, who was killed earlier this year in a plane crash in Croatia.

The award, which is modeled on the late former Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige quality awards, will go to companies that treat their employees well.

"If there ever was a person who thought you could do well and do good at the same time, it was Ron Brown. And I can't think of a better way to honor him," said Clinton, announcing the award at a White House Conference on Corporate Citizenship.

In other action, Ron Brown University will soon open in the Croatian town Dubrovnik where his plane crashed. According to Croatian Economy Minister Davor Stern, the university, which will be linked with the Rochester Institute of Technology, will offer studies in tourism and business administration.

And Brown's elementary school, Hunter College Elementary School, in Manhattan, recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate its playground in his name.

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▲ **This Is Love:** Keith D. Henry and Nicole Ordee Trotter were wed at Christian Faith Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC. The bride, a graduate of North Carolina A & T State University, is a financial aid coordinator at Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. The groom, a graduate of Catawba College and North Carolina A & T State University, is an assistant football coach at Ohio University. They honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.



▲ **Two Hearts That Beat As One:** Dr. Gary L. Johnson and his bride, the former Dr. Angela C. Jamison, pledged their love to each other in a double ring ceremony at Cherry Grove Baptist Church in Jackson, MS. The newlyweds are both graduates of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. They are also both practicing dentists in Atlanta, GA. The lovebirds enjoyed a romantic sun-filled honeymoon in Negril, Jamaica.

► **Love Is Grand:** Lt. Robert H. Mitchell and his bride, Michele M. Stringer, were married at Christ Episcopal Church in Detroit, MI. The newlyweds are both graduates of the University of Michigan. The bride is scheduled to begin her residency in family medicine at Long Beach General Hospital in Long Beach, CA. The groom, an engineer, will be stationed at the Los Angeles Air Force Base as a project cost analyst. They honeymooned in the Caribbean.





▲ **Tender Moment:** Dr. Jonathan O. Nwanagu and Johanna Marie Williams were married at St. Albans Congregational Church in Queens, NY. The bride, a graduate of York College of the City University of New York, is an assistant account executive with Roy Communications, Public Relations & Promotions. The groom, a graduate of the University of Nigeria, is a resident specializing in obstetrics and gynecology at Emory College of Medicine.



▲ **Charming Couple:** William E. Green, Jr. and his mate for life, the former Tangi Simpson, recently joined hands and hearts in holy matrimony at Epiphany Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL. The lovely bride, a graduate of Florida State University, is a juvenile aftercare counselor with River Region Human Services. The handsome bridegroom currently is serving in the U.S. Air Force as an operation resource management specialist.



◀ **God's Special Gift:** Duane Woodson and Debra Eleasa Williams recently made the commitment to be together forever after wedding at Union Wesley AME Zion Church in Washington, D.C. The bride, a graduate of the University of Maryland, is an independent consultant specializing in contract management and proposal development. The groom, a graduate of Virginia Technical Institute, is a staff accountant for Vector Microwave Research Corporation. The cuddlesome couple honeymooned in Jamaica.

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▲ **PRESIDENTIAL MEETING:** South African President Nelson Mandela and German President Roman Herzog review honor guards at the Bonn Presidential Residence in Bonn, Germany. Mandela's three-day visit, his first since he was elected president, concentrated on strengthening economic links between South Africa and Germany. ▼ President Mandela is welcomed by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl at the Bonn Chancellery in Bonn, Germany.



More Than 500 Die On Sunken Tanzanian Ferry

More than 500 passengers and crew members recently drowned when a ferry hit a rock and sank in Lake Victoria, near Tanzania in Africa.

About 81 survivors were pulled from the water by people in passing ships and another ferry, and 21 bodies were recovered. A total of 441 passengers were listed as being aboard the ferry, officials said. However, survivors said the figure was closer to 600.

Many of the passengers were teenage students who were returning home from the school term, sur-

vivors said.

One man said the ship was overcrowded.

"There was no proper procedure for ticketing," the man, identified only as Chacha, said.

The ferry was traveling from Bukoba to Mwanza, a distance of about 110 miles. Mwanza is Tanzania's most important port on Lake Victoria. It handles the cotton, tea and coffee grown in the fertile western part of the country. A Mwanza official said the accident is still being investigated.

ARMED FORCES

Pentagon Puzzled By Blacks' Lack Of Interest In Joining The Military

Pentagon officials are baffled by results of a recent study which revealed that young Black males' interest in joining the military is at its lowest since they began tracking it 21 years ago.

In Pentagon surveys of 16- to 21-year-olds, the percentage of Black males who expressed interest in enlisting in any branch of the armed forces plunged from 54 percent in 1989 to 32 percent last year.

Alan Gropman, a military historian who is leading a study of the matter, said Black youths are finding opportunities in the civilian job market.

But Pentagon surveys find that Blacks are still more likely to look to military service than Whites.

Blacks currently make up 22 percent of the enlisted ranks and 8 percent of the officers.

The Pentagon increased advertising by \$89 million last year, and Congress added an additional \$31 million to entice Blacks into the armed forces.

The extra advertising appears to have helped somewhat because the Pentagon's 1995 attitude survey showed 32 percent of Black youths indicated interest in joining, the same as the previous year.

Among White males, the interest increased from 22 percent to 23 percent. The level of interest among all youths, however, is far below levels of earlier years.

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Celebrities Who Have Overcome Obstacles



▲ *James Earl Jones, who portrays a policeman who stutters in his latest film, **A Family Thing**, has dealt with the problem since childhood.*

The rise to star status isn't always as glamorous as many would envision. Actors James Earl Jones, Halle Berry and Danny Glover, singers Teddy Pendergrass and Seal and basketball player Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf are just a few celebrities who have overcome obstacles in their per-

sonal lives in order to achieve success.

James Earl Jones is one of the most celebrated Black actors in the entertainment business, yet few are aware he has had a stuttering problem since childhood.

Despite the problem, his powerful voice can be heard during station breaks on CNN, as the evil Darth Vader in the *Star Wars* film trilogy and as King Mufasa in *The Lion King*.

Stuttering is a speech disorder in which a person repeats sounds or syllables with prolonged sounds or hesitations.

Singing and reading have been ways to help a stutterer speak with fluency. In public speaking, the script-

▼ *Wheelchair-bound singer Teddy Pendergrass triumphed over two devastating automobile accidents and returned to the stage in the gospel musical **Your Arms Too Short To Box With God**.*



ed page has often been considered a stutterer's salvation and for Jones it became just that.

"You keep the stuttering under control because you have a script," he explained in *Parade Magazine*.

"In real life, I just try to get through the day or through the conversation. I'm not good in talk-show interviews. I will think of something that might be brilliant to say, and I can't get it worded," Jones revealed.

In *A Family Thing*, Jones' most recent film, he, for the first time, portrays a character who stutters (JET, April 1). According to Jones, during one of the first readings of the script, his stuttering slipped out and the film's director, Richard Pearce, suggested that it be a part of his character's vulnerability.

"I agreed, as long as it wouldn't be played to make fun of the stutterer," Jones said about his character Ray Murdock, a Black policeman who discovers he has a White half brother.

Teddy Pendergrass was on top of the music world as one of the sexiest, most popular male soul singers of the '70s. But, in 1982, a tragic accident changed his life.

Pendergrass' Rolls-Royce jumped the center divider on a dark curve and smashed into a tree. He was left paralyzed. Then, in 1986, tragedy struck again when he was involved in another accident when his specially equipped van hit a utility pole.

In the face of such tragedy, Pendergrass continued to sing. During the last five years, the soul balladeer



▲ Halle Berry continues her career after tragically learning she has diabetes.

has recorded four albums that have all reached gold, and he has earned eight Grammy Award nominations including one for the 1987 hit single *Joy*.

In March of this year, Pendergrass returned to the stage in Vinette Carroll's gospel musical *Your Arms Too Short To Box With God* (JET, March 25).

"It's a wonderful way to start the beginning—this journey again—and to do it by giving thanks and praise to Jesus," Pendergrass told JET about his role as a spirit.

Actress Halle Berry emerged on



▲ Seal won three Grammy Awards this year for his smash hit, *Kiss From A Rose*. He's a popular singer worldwide despite facial scars that were caused by lupus, a disease he contracted at 23.

the acting scene with the speed of a shooting star. Her fame came quickly. Stardom was bestowed upon the gorgeous actress so fast that stress from the sudden success likely triggered her latent diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease which prevents the body from normally regulating glucose, also called sugar. Seven years ago, she learned that she was a diabetic. While taping her former TV series, "Living Dolls", she collapsed into a diabetic coma.

"The doctors told me that all of

the stress I'd been under probably brought the diabetes out early," she reflected, and added, "otherwise, it might not have surfaced until I was 50 or 60."

But insulin dependency hasn't cramped her style. With the medication, the feisty actress has the disease under control. She diets, exercises and meditates to avoid stress. As a result, Berry has gone on to deliver dynamic performances in the films *Jungle Fever*, *Boomerang*, *Losing Isaiah* and the hit TV miniseries *Queen*.

Seal, the British pop star who won three Grammy Awards for his hit tune, *Kiss From A Rose*, has triumphed over a disfiguring disease with the power of his dazzling talent.

When Seal, a native of Nigeria whose real name is Sealhenry Samuel, was 23, he contracted the disease lupus. In its rare form, discoid lupus erythematosus, the disease affects the skin, leaving large scars.

The pattern of dark, butterfly-shaped scars across the singer-songwriter's face were caused by the disease.

In an industry where a performer's image can be as important as his talent, Seal's songs, which are hits in the U.S. and abroad, transcend the physical, as the world acclaim for his *Kiss From A Rose* will attest.

"People always want them to be tribal scars," Seal told *Entertainment Weekly*. "That's just the nature of the media and of people's imaginations," he confided.

Actor Danny Glover, who is acclaimed for his performance in *The Color Purple*, suffered from epilepsy, a disorder of the brain characterized by sudden seizures. He also has dyslexia, a reading difficulty in which people often confuse letters or words and may read or write words or sentences in the wrong order.

The 48-year-old actor had epileptic seizures for nearly 12 years when suddenly they stopped when he was 30.

However, his dyslexia took a much greater effort to overcome. He had great difficulty in memorizing scripts because words and letters would get jumbled in his mind, but he refused to let it block his path to success as an actor. He says the works of Sonia Sanchez and Huey Newton inspired him to read more and overcome the disability.

And Glover continues on that successful path with the memorable characters he has portrayed in the movies *Places In The Heart*, *Silverado* and the *Lethal Weapon* trilogy.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, a basketball player with the Denver Nuggets, recently sparked controversy when he refused to stand during the playing of the National Anthem (JET, April 1). When Abdul-Rauf was in the 11th grade, he learned he had Tourette's syndrome, a hereditary neurological disorder characterized by involuntary facial and vocal tics and compulsive behavior.

Abdul-Rauf, who was born Chris Jackson but changed his name after converting to Islam, said he never



▲ Danny Glover, Det. Roger Murtaugh in the *Lethal Weapon* action films, has overcome both dyslexia and epilepsy.

worried about Tourette's influencing his chances of being picked in the NBA. And, in 1993, after leaving after his sophomore year at Louisiana State University, Abdul-Rauf signed a five-year contract for \$2.7 million a season with the Denver Nuggets; he averages 19 points and seven assists per game.

"I don't look at it as a disability," said Abdul-Rauf in a *People* magazine interview about the disorder. "I feel it's a blessing and that God has given me this not as a weakness but as a strength."

After five years on Prozac and Prolixin to control the disorder, the 6-foot-1 point guard decided to in-



stead consume herbs, such as ginseng and black seeds, but he doesn't encourage others to do the same "because you have to find out what works for you."

"Yes, I have Tourette's, but am I going to let it get the best of me? No," declared Abdul-Rauf, who says occasionally while coming down the court he might throw out his arm. "I am going to find the strength to overcome it...Overall, I think Tourette's has benefited me more than it has hurt me. It has made me try to be a perfectionist even when sometimes I don't want to be one."

◀ *Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, a star guard for the Denver Nuggets, has Tourette's syndrome, but he says he never worried about it affecting his chances of being picked by the NBA.*

▼ **WASHINGTON HONORED:** Award-winning actor Denzel Washington receives the 1996 Artist of the Year Award from the Harvard Foundation of Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, for his "outstanding contributions to American performing arts and intercultural relations." The award was presented by Dr. S. Allen Counter, director of the Harvard Foundation (l). Also joining the presentation is Dr. Harry R. Lewis, dean of Harvard College.



the week's best photos



AP Photo/Ron Frehm

■ **TALK SHOW SENSATIONS:** Talk show hostess Oprah Winfrey presents veteran talk show host Phil Donahue with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 23rd Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in New York as he blows her a kiss. Donahue recently taped the final segment of his 29-year-old talk show.



■ **QUINCY & BROTHER:** Grammy Award-winning producer Quincy Jones is congratulated by his brother, Superior Court Judge Richard A. Jones of Seattle, WA, after being honored at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Awards Gala Dinner in Washington, D.C.



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■ **BEST MEN:** Best-selling novelist Terry McMillan is escorted by the two men in her life, beau Jonathan Plummer and son Solomon, to the 1996 Essence Awards at the theater in Madison Square Garden in New York.



AP Photo/Beth A. Kaiser

■ **DYNAMIC DUO:** Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, the Chicago Bulls' dynamic duo, congratulate each other during one of their NBA playoff wins at the United Center in Chicago against the Orlando Magic during the Eastern conference finals.

Larry Demery Sentenced To Life In James Jordan Murder Case



▲ *Though he testified against Daniel Green, Larry Demery also was sentenced to life for the murder of Michael Jordan's father, James Jordan.*

Larry Martin Demery, the man who testified against his partner in the James Jordan murder case, recently received the same sentence as his partner—life in prison. He was sentenced at the Robeson County Courthouse in Lumberton, NC.

The jury deliberated for about two hours before deciding that Demery, 20, should not receive the death penalty, but he should be sentenced to life in prison for the murder of James Jordan, the father of basketball superstar Michael Jordan.

Demery pleaded guilty to first-degree murder last year and testified against his lifelong friend Daniel

Andre Green, 21. Green, who Demery said shot Jordan in his car along a North Carolina highway in 1993, was sentenced to life imprisonment earlier this year (JET, April 1).

Green denied shooting Jordan and recently said in a newspaper interview that Demery should watch his back in prison because he cooperated with officials.

Jury foreman Franklin Chavis said Demery's testimony was "admirable. It helped sway us toward life."

District Attorney Johnson Britt sought the death penalty for Green and Demery, arguing that Demery was as much to blame for the shooting as Green.

Demery's lawyer, Hugh Rogers, said in his closing argument, "Larry Martin Demery did not shoot James Jordan. Period."

Demery told jurors that he watched Green shoot Jordan, and he helped dump the body in a South Carolina swamp.

Rogers told jurors that the initial plan in the Jordan robbery was to take the luxury car, tie up the driver and leave him on a roadside where someone would find him alive. Demery was shocked when the man was killed and surprised to find papers identifying him as Michael Jordan's father.

Demery pleaded guilty last year to two other robberies and was sentenced to 40 years in prison for those charges. Green also is charged with the two robberies and was scheduled to be arraigned at JET press time.

Man Who Carjacked Queen Latifah's BMW Sentenced To 18 Years

One of the two men who carjacked rapper/actress Queen Latifah's \$67,000 BMW at gunpoint was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Ricardo Rodriguez, 19, was convicted of robbery and grand larceny, but he was acquitted of attempted murder and assault in the shooting of Latifah's bodyguard, Sean Moon, 23.



Queen Latifah

Rodriguez's accomplice, Rashien Fortune, also 19, pleaded guilty to the shooting in exchange for a seven-to-21 year prison sentence.

Latifah, whose real name is Dana Owens, testified that Rodriguez jumped into the driver's seat of her BMW last summer after Fortune ordered her to get out.

Maryland Police Squad Stops Black Drivers More: AP Study

Black drivers are being stopped for drugs at least four times more often than Whites by a special Maryland state police squad that patrols stretches of Interstate 95, the East Coast's main north-south transportation venue.

The finding, the result of a computer analysis of car searches by the Associated Press (AP), raised questions of whether troopers are following their written training procedures and complying with a court ruling that specifically bars them from using racial profiles to determine likely drug couriers.

More than 75 percent of drivers searched by the special drug squad through the first nine months of last year were Black.

State police strongly denied using racial profiles, which in the past targeted young males of color driving late-model cars and carrying pagers or wearing gold jewelry. The Mary-

land police maintained that Black motorists were searched for reasons other than race and that the preponderance of Blacks searched amounted to coincidence.

Maryland state police are forbidden to use racial profiles in traffic stops under terms of a legal settlement reached in 1994 with Robert Wilkins, a Black Washington, D.C., lawyer searched for drugs as he drove home from a funeral in 1992.

The settlement also requires troopers to provide records on all 1995-97 highway searches to the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland.

The AP analysis shows that the Special Traffic Interdiction Force, whose six officers are White, searched 145 of the motorists it stopped along a 50-mile stretch of I-95 between the Delaware border and the Baltimore County line—110 were listed as Black, 24 as White, six as Hispanic and five as "other minorities."



◀ **FASHION PLATES:** Detroit Pistons Allan Houston (l) and Grant Hill model the team's new uniforms which reveal the new logo during a news conference at the Palace in Auburn Hills, MI. Houston is sporting the uniform the Pistons will wear at home, while Hill is wearing the road attire. The team will wear the new outfits beginning with the 1996-97 season.

Rodman Rebounds From Near-Bankruptcy: Report

NBA rebounding champion Dennis Rodman was borderline bankrupt before he joined the Chicago Bulls last year, the June issue of *Smart Money* magazine reported.

The magazine revealed that Rodman, who has led the league in rebounds for the last five seasons, was more than \$1 million in debt because of spending sprees and junkets to Las Vegas which exceeded his \$2.5 million



Dennis Rodman

salary.

Rodman had difficulty making a \$9,000 monthly alimony payment, a \$3,800 overdue Ferrari payment and had not made a payment on a \$500,000 house loan for five years. His debt totaled as much as \$745,000.

Rodman's manager Dwight Manley said in the magazine that he put Rodman on a \$1,000-a-week budget, canceled the multi-tattooed star's credit cards, extended pay-

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ments on his debts and had Rodman attend autograph shows that paid him \$50 a signature.

Now the neon-haired power forward is back in the black, with commercial and investment ventures.

He received a seven-figure contract for his new book *Bad As I Wanna Be*, which is on the best-seller list. Rodman, who'll be a free-agent July 1, said in his book that he'll ask for a two-year, \$15 million contract.



AP/Anthony Onchak



HANK SALUTES RBI CHAMPS: Major League Baseball's home run king Hank Aaron recently was in Cleveland's Jacobs Field and Boston's Fenway Park to present Cleveland Indians slugger Albert Belle (above) and Boston Red Sox slugger Mo Vaughn, respectively, with the American League RBI co-champion award for 1995. Vaughn, the league's Most Valuable Player, and Belle tied for the RBI crown, with each driving in 126 runs.

Courtesy of the Boston Red Sox

Jordan, Pippen And Hardaway Lead Stars Selected To All-NBA First Team



▲ Chicago Bulls teammates Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen join Anfernee Hardaway of Orlando, Utah's Karl Malone and David Robinson of San Antonio on the All-NBA first team.

Chicago Bulls guard Michael Jordan and forward Scottie Pippen and Orlando Magic guard Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway are among the superstars named to the All-NBA first team for the 1995-96 season.

They are joined by Utah Jazz power forward Karl Malone and San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson.

Jordan, a unanimous selection for

the third time, received 113 first-team votes from a panel of sports-writers and broadcasters. Pippen got 91 first-place votes, followed by Hardaway (90), Malone (89) and Robinson (65).

It was also the eighth first-team selection for Jordan, the league's Most Valuable Player this season, and Malone.

Shaquille O'Neal Paints Toenails



Shaquille O'Neal

Orlando Magic center Shaquille O'Neal recently admitted that he paints his toenails.

The 7-foot-1, size 23 shoe-wearing basketball giant said he painted his toenails for the first time to try to hide a problem.

"A while back, I noticed I was losing one of my toenails, so I painted it," he said in the Atlanta Journal & Constitution. "I was messing around,

so I painted all my toes. That night, I scored 53 points against Minnesota—my best game ever—and I've been doing it ever since."

O'Neal, who is an endorser of numerous products, now wonders if his toenail polishing might result in a new contract.

He adds that his toenail polishing is in no way an indication of any future body adornment.

"You ain't going to see me on television or in the papers dressed up in all that stuff," he said. "I am all man, baby. Underline that *three* times."

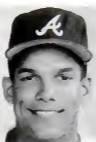
O'Neal is a hit rap recording artist and actor who will star in the upcoming movie, *Shazam*.

Braves' Outfielder Justice Faces Lengthy Shoulder Rehab

It appears that Atlanta Braves outfielder David Justice will be ready for spring training next year—that's the word from the Braves' team doctor after the star outfielder underwent surgery for three hours to repair ligaments in his right shoulder.

Justice, 31, recently aggravated the injured shoulder swinging at a pitch from Pittsburgh's Denny Neagle and opted for surgery to repair it (JET, June 3). But his rehabilitation will be a lengthy one.

"I anticipate him being ready for participation in spring training, but



David Justice

I don't anticipate the full recovery to occur for about a year," said Joe Chandler, the team's orthopedist.

"I would expect him to come back and be the same player he was before," Chandler added.

At JET press time, Justice was out of the hospital and expected to wear a sling for three to four weeks.

Justice's injury is expected to be a blow to the defending world champion Braves. He was batting .321 with six home runs and 25 RBIs before being sidelined.

▼ **ROSE BOWL HALL OF FAMERS:** Eric Ball (2nd, l), of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), was among the six men who were recently honored by the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame. Other newly honored Hall of Famers included (l-r) Pete Beathard of UCLA, Stan Hahn of The Tournament of Roses, Bill Tate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, John Ralston of Stanford University and John Ferraro of the University of Southern California. The six joined a fraternity of individuals who, through their athletic grace, coaching expertise or dedication, have perpetuated the mystique and grandeur of the Rose Bowl Game.



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Earvin "Magic" Johnson, retired NBA all-star forward for the Los Angeles Lakers explaining in USA Today how he tries to be an example to younger players through community investment: *"I think it's crucial that we as athletes do all we can to help revitalize our communities, especially the underserved inner-city areas."*



Danny Glover, famed actor, in the Parade Magazine, on racial progress in Hollywood: *"[Racial progress in Hollywood is] mostly cosmetic. Hollywood has always been a conservative place because it doesn't consider itself art. It's about making money and getting people to buy something."*



Marian Wright Edelman, president, Children's Defense Fund, addressing graduates at George Washington University in D.C.: *"I'm very proud of our great nation...We are first in military technology ...and in the number of millionaires and billionaires...(But) I'm not proud that we are first in the number of children and youths killed by guns every hour and a half...we are first in the percentage of children who are poor...I'm not proud we are No. 1 in the number of teens who get pregnant and become parents...We can do better in America for our children."*



Quincy Jones, Grammy Award-winning producer in the New York Daily News noting that he has learned that a good father is consistent, always there for his children: *"I wasn't such a great father in the beginning. I was 20 years old and I didn't know how to take care of myself, let alone a baby. As I got older I learned that being a good father wasn't just providing a roof."*

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Oprah Winfrey, Montel Williams And Kevin Mambo Among Winners At Daytime Emmy Awards



Talk show hosts Oprah Winfrey and Montel Williams and actor Kevin Mambo were among the winners at the recent 23rd Annual Daytime Emmy Awards at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

The talk show queen won an Emmy for Outstanding Talk Show for "The Oprah Winfrey Show." This was the 25th Emmy for Winfrey and her show. Winfrey also presented talk show host Phil Donahue, who after 29 years is calling it quits, a Lifetime Achievement Award (see page 41). Both Winfrey and Williams thanked the veteran host for paving the way.

▼ Talk show host Montel Williams proudly accepts an Emmy Award for Outstanding Talk Show Host. This was Williams' first nomination and win.

▲ Talk show powerhouse Oprah Winfrey won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Talk Show. Winfrey also presented veteran talk show host Phil Donahue with a Lifetime Achievement Award.





◀ Actor Kevin Mambo waves his Emmy in delight after he won for Outstanding Younger Actor in a Drama Series for his role as Marcus Williams.

ahue. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who lauded Donahue in a video clip, said "We as a people, as a nation, are better off because you came into our lives."

Williams broke Winfrey's five-year winning streak as Outstanding Talk Show Host when he won for "The Montel Williams Show." In addition to this being Williams' first Emmy, it was also his first nomination.

Actor Kevin Mambo, who portrays Marcus Williams on the "Guiding Light," won an Emmy for Outstanding Younger Actor in a Drama Series.

Rosalind Cash, who died of cancer last year (JET, Nov. 20), was nominated for Outstanding Supporting Actress for her role of Mary Mae Ward on "General Hospital," which won for Outstanding Drama Series.

"Personally, I want to thank you for opening the door so wide, wide enough for me to walk through," said Winfrey. Williams expressed his gratitude by saying, "I hope that I can carry on the legacy that he began."

Many celebrities thanked Don-

Muhammad Ali Sues Movie, Telephone Companies For Using His Photo On Credit Card

Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali recently filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against a Los Angeles-based film production company, Forever Films, for allegedly allowing a Nevada-based telephone company, Amerivox, to use his picture on a telephone credit card without his permission, according to USA Today.

The suit claims Ali granted For-



Muhammad Ali

ever Films non-exclusive rights to use his name and likeness in the promotion of the 1989 film *Champions Forever*.

Kevin Gaut, Ali's attorney, said the rights were limited to the movie. "We didn't say they could do whatever they wanted, and we want them to pay for however much the other usage was worth," Gaut said.

Ali also sued Amerivox.

Vanessa Williams, Arnold Schwarzenegger Star In Thriller *'Eraser'*



▲ Vanessa Williams, hunted by conspirators who believe she'll expose them, is comforted by Arnold Schwarzenegger in the thriller *Eraser*.

The action-packed film *Eraser*, which is set for release June 21, details the lives of people who have been stripped of their identity and thrust into a strange new life where their previous existence is nothing but a memory. Reidentified by false names, they can never contact anyone who knew them before—friends, family, loved ones—because to reveal themselves would mean certain death.

They are people who risked

► Williams stars as Lee Cullen, a woman who has information that could endanger the lives of thousands of people in *Eraser*.

everything to expose treachery, murder, vice and corruption by testifying against some of the most sought-after and vicious criminals of our time.

Following their testimony, they disappear into the Federal Witness Protection Program, where the only thing that keeps them alive is their anonymity.

But now, someone who knows of their secret lives is betraying them, leaving them vulnerable to those who would like to see them dead.

Vanessa Williams stars as Lee Cullen, the woman who holds the



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◀ *Fearing for her life, Cullen (Williams) gets protection from Federal Marshal Kruger (Schwarzenegger).*



key to uncovering the traitor. And Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as Federal Marshal John Kruger, a member of an elite group who erases the identities of witnesses in the Witness Protection Program.

He is so good at what he does that his associates call him "Eraser."

But, Eraser falls under suspicion as the traitor and soon finds himself on the run to save Cullen, the one woman who holds the key to the truth.

She has information that would blow the lid off a high-level government conspiracy that could endanger the lives of thousands of people.

The film also stars James

Caan as Eraser's former mentor and James Curn as the head of the witness protection program.

Describing her character, Williams recently told the Los Angeles Times: "Lee would love to be able to handle it by herself. She's a '90s woman, but she also needs the protection of a guy."

She adds, "She's not a victim at all. In fact, there are a couple of times when I get a chance to lash back and assault the bad guy. I shoot a gun. I smash this guy across the face with a coffeepot. I kick him. I get revenge."

She told the Sacramento Bee, "My role is great because there are a

► *Williams describes her character in Eraser as a '90s woman who fights back and refuses to be victimized.*



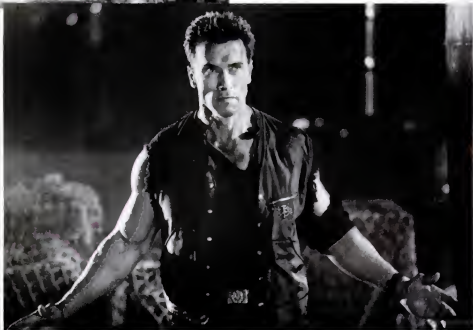


couple of nice acting pieces. It's not just looking good, running, being chased and acting like this damsel in distress."

A versatile entertainer, Williams enjoys a distinguished career in music, Broadway, television and film. She won rave reviews for her starring role in the Broadway musical *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. Her music hits include *The Sweetest Days*, *Save The Best For Last* and *Colors of the Wind* from the movie soundtrack *Pocahontas*. She also received widespread acclaim for her TV performances in *The Jacksons: An*

◀ Williams delivers a powerful performance as the tough-minded Lee Cullen who is determined to survive. She prepared for the action-packed role by losing 10 pounds and working out with a trainer.

▼ Schwarzenegger stars as Federal Marshal John Kruger who protects Cullen from the villains. Eraser's producer says Schwarzenegger and Williams share a special chemistry on screen.





▲ Vanessa Williams and Arnold Schwarzenegger make a dynamic team in *Eraser*, which reportedly cost \$100 million to make.

American Dream, *Stompin' at the Savoy* and a revival of the musical *Bye, Bye Birdie*.

She sings the theme song to *Eraser*, *Where Do We Go From Here*.

Prior to his movie career, Schwarzenegger was Mr. Universe, the premiere world bodybuilding championship.

Schwarzenegger's motion picture career began in 1977 with his role in *Pumping Iron*, a feature-length documentary about the Mr. Universe competition. He made his film breakthrough several years later in *Conan the Barbarian*.

He became a major star in the 1983 hit movie *The Terminator* and has become the driving force behind the success of such all-time blockbusters as *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, *Total Recall* and *True Lies*.

Movie industry insiders are predicting that *Eraser* will become a summer blockbuster hit largely because of the chemistry between Williams and Schwarzenegger.

The movie's producer, Arnold Kopelson, described the unique magic of Williams and Schwarzenegger on the silver screen during an interview in the Los Angeles Times. "Vanessa simply captivated us. She is staggeringly beautiful, and she exuded this charm and warmth," he said. Kopelson, who won the 1986 Best Picture Academy Award for *Platoon*, added, "And on-screen, her relation to Arnold was so extraordinary, there was no question she was the actress for the role. Even though this isn't a romantic movie, you need that chemistry between the actors, and she just blended with Arnold."

'The Parent 'Hood' Star Robert Townsend Featured In June EBONY Man

Producer, director and actor Robert Townsend is earning respect as a father on the hit series "The Parent 'Hood", and he discusses his real-

life and pretend roles as a parent in the June issue of EBONY Man (EM) Magazine.

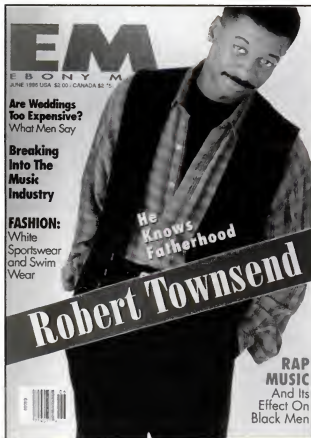
Townsend, who is one of the most versatile talents in Hollywood, serves as the executive producer of the hit sitcom on the WB network.

"I want people to get an idea of what it's like to give your kids a choice to make a decision on their

own and not bully them," said Townsend, who is a real-life father of three daughters and uses actual experiences for some of the hilarious plots of the show.

Townsend is also directing a new film starring the beautiful and talented actress Halle Berry called *Black American Princess*. And he is creating a drama for Black Entertainment Television (BET) titled "Townsend's Playhouse." Townsend said he is also looking to do a stage adaptation of his hit film *The Five Heartbeats* on Broadway.

In addition, June's EM features "Men Who Are Fathers And Role Models," "Rap Music And Its Effect On Black Men" and a special section on "Breaking Into the Music Business."



▲ Producer / Director / Actor Robert Townsend tells all about "The Parent 'Hood" and being a real-life daddy in June issue of EBONY Man Magazine.



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1. THE SCORE*Fugees (Ruffhouse)***2. SUNSET PARK***Various Artists (Flavor Unit)***3. THE RESURRECTION***Geto Boys (Rap-A-Lot)***4. NEW BEGINNING***SWV (RCA)***5. WAITING TO EXHALE***Various Artists (Arista)***6. ALL EYEZ ON ME***2Pac (Death Row)***7. THE COMING***Busta Rhymes (Elektra)***8. ORIGINAL GANGSTAS***Various Artists (Noo Trybe)***9. ICE CREAM MAN***Master P (No Limit)***10. DAYDREAM***Moriah Corey (Columbia)***11. MR. SMITH***LL Cool J (Def Jam)***12. SOLO***Solo (Perspective)***13. UNTIL THE DAY***Nonchalant (MCA)***14. LOUDER THAN WORDS***Lionel Richie (Mercury)***15. TOTAL***Total (Bad Boy)***16. R. KELLY***R. Kelly (Jive)***17. BROWN SUGAR***D'Angelo (EMI)***18. DEATH THREATZ***Mc Eiht Featuring CMW (Epic Street)***19. MISS THANG***Monica (Rowdy)***20. INSOMNIA-THE ERICK
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■ BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY

1. THA CROSSROADS

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony (*Ruthless*)

2. YOU'RE THE ONE

SWV (*RCA*)

3. KISSIN' YOU

Total (*Bad Boy*)

4. DOIN' IT

LL Cool J (*Def Jam*)

5. I WILL SURVIVE

Chantay Savage (*RCA*)

6. KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON

MC Lyte Featuring Xscape (*Flavor Unit*)

7. COUNT ON ME

Whitney Houston & CeCe Winans (*Arista*)

8. PLEASE DON'T GO

Immature (*MCA*)

9. LADY

D'Angelo (*EMI*)

10. 5 O'CLOCK

Nonchalant (*MCA*)

11. A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE & HATE

H-Town (*Jac-Mac*)

12. ALWAYS BE MY BABY

Mariah Carey (*Columbia*)

13. WOO-HAH!! GOT YOU

ALL IN CHECK

Busta Rhymes (*Elektra*)

14. SLOW JAMS

Quincy Jones Featuring Babyface & Tamia With Portrait & Barry White (*Qwest*)

15. EVER SINCE YOU WENT AWAY

Art N' Soul (*Nature Boy*)

16. SITTING UP IN MY ROOM

Brandy (*Arista*)

17. SCARRED

Luke (*Luther Campbell*)

18. GET ON UP

Jodeci (*Uptown*)

19. TOUCH ME, TEASE ME

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'The Client'

Ossie Davis stars as Judge Harry Roosevelt and **JoBeth Williams** stars as Reggie Love, an Atlanta-based attorney, in *The Client*, (Tuesday, June 11 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS. Others scheduled to appear this week include:

Eriq LaSalle/Gloria Rueben/Yvette Freeman/Deezer D/Conni Marie Brazelton/CCH Pounder on "ER," (Thursday, June 6 at 10 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Reginald VelJohnson/JoMarie Payton Noble/Bryton McClure/Rosetta LeNoire/Jaleel White Darius McCrary/Kellie Shanygne Williams on "Family Matters,"

(Friday, June 7 at 8 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Mark Curry/Raven-Symoné/Holly Robinson Peete/Saundra Quatterman/Marquise Wilson on "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," (Friday, June 7 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Henry G. Sanders/Jonelle Allen on "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," (Saturday, June 8 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Della Reese on "Touched By An Angel," (Saturday, June 8 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Will Smith/Karyn Parsons/Daphne Maxwell Reid/Alfonso Ribeiro/Joseph Marcell/Tatyana Ali/James Avery/Ross Bagley on "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," (Monday, June 10 at 8 & 8:30 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Chi McBride/Darryl "Chill" Mitchell on "The John Larroquette Show," (Tuesday, June 11 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on NBC.

James McDaniel on "NYPD Blue," (Tuesday, June 11 at 10 p.m., ET) on ABC.



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